

Voters Defeat All 3 Bond Issues

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CIVIC WELFARE BODY FORMED HERE

Strong Minority Checks Passage Of 3 Proposals

Water, Paving and Light Bonds Are All Beaten

Two-thirds of Proposing Leaders Interpret Vote in Different Ways

Proposals defeated Monday and Tuesday by narrow margins.

Monday the proposal to bond \$10,000 for the purchase of the new Water, Light and Power bonds was defeated. The vote was: Yes—334; no—230; total 564. Votes in favor of the bond lacked 42 of the two-thirds necessary to carry.

Tuesday proposals to bond for paving Western avenue to northern city limits, and to improve streets throughout the restricted area and on main highways at a cost of \$75,000, both met defeat. The vote on the paving bonds was: Yes—197; no—235; total 432. Votes for approval of the paving bonds lacked 21 of the two-thirds necessary to carry.

Proposals for the lighting bonds were: Yes—380; no—257; total 637. Votes for approval of the lighting bonds lacked 45 of the two-thirds necessary to carry.

Proposals were marked by vigorous campaigning to get the voters to both sides of each proposal, scouring the city on both sides.

Features of the election were the vintage of about 1923 and worn, and plastered signs telling the world that it was "the way" by coming over Western.

Comments vary as to interpretation of the vote. Opponents of the bonding proposals spoken in their contention that the bond issues were not to the city trustees.

Opponents of the proposed improvements declare that such an increase is absurd, owing to the fact that all three bond issues polled a majority of "Yes" votes.

Those who seek to go deeper into the reasons of the election declare that the underlying vote on all three issues was the issue of drilling in the restricted district of

Boxing Card With 8 Bouts Here Tonight

Legion Hall Scene of First Match of Season

Boxing is all set for the opening boxing season in Torrance to Leo Matlock and Sailor Carr of the 165-pound division, who awaits at Legion hall in the event of an interesting card.

Bouts are as follows: Phil Williams vs. Bert Stanley; Miss T. Williams vs. Miss O'Neil; Kid Ford vs. Harry Reese vs. Kid Jackson; West vs. Battling Sullivan; Kid Eddie Carr.

Woman's Club to Hold Food Sale On December 8th

Torrance Woman's club will hold a food sale for the benefit of the soldiers and women who served in the late war, at Hurum store, December 8. It is expected that every club member will bring some article of food, for this is a worthy cause and everyone who desires may contribute whether a club member or

THE VOTE	
WATER BONDS	
Yes	334
No	230
Total	564
Proposals necessary to carry	376
Proposal lost by	42
PAVING BONDS	
Yes	407
No	235
Total	642
Proposals necessary to carry	428
Proposal lost by	21
LIGHTING BONDS	
Yes	380
No	257
Total	637
Proposals necessary to carry	425
Proposal lost by	45

CHARITY DANCE IN TORRANCE ON SATURDAY

Union Tool Girls Sell Many Tickets for Event

For the benefit of the department of occupational therapy maintained by the Girls' club of the Union Tool company in the Children's hospital, Los Angeles, the Girls' club will give a dance at Legion hall in Torrance Saturday night, Dec. 1. Many tickets for the affair have been sold. The department maintained by the girls is for crippled children.

LEASES FORCE LOCATION OF SIXTEEN WELLS

Associated Starts Development Near the Santa Fe Tracks

Lease provisions and offset requirements are forcing development in Lomita despite the low price of crude oil. Sixteen new derricks were under construction or staked out this week. Several of them are in Torrance, east of Arlington avenue, where the Associated has started construction of the first well on its 19-acre lease at the corner of Arlington and Plaza del Amo.

A list of the week's new derricks follows: Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company, Torrance 31 and 32, both along the eastern edge of the big Torrance lease; Universal Moore No. 8; Cook Drilling company No. 2; Petroleum Midway, five scattered rigs; Associated, Torrance No. 1, east of Arlington and south of Santa Fe tracks; Ring Petroleum corporation, west side of Arlington street; Westland Oil company, U. S. Royalties; 5-O Oil company, on Palm street on old Petroleum corporation lease; General Petroleum corporation, Acacia and Eschelman; Gilmore Oil company, offsetting G. P. new derrick; Bush and Voorhis, offsetting Julian's No. 3 on East Acacia street on Shrieber lease; Perkins Oil company, two wells on Mrs. Mitchell's acre on Pepper street, and Checot Oil company, offsetting Perkins well.

DERRICK TAX OF \$250.00 IS AGREED UPON

Oil Company Men O. K. Levy for Work on Streets

\$1 PER ROD ON PIPES Trustees' Franchise Charge Meets With Approval

Torrance will tax every oil derrick inside the city limits \$250 for repair and maintenance of roads in the oil field. The city will also charge one dollar a rod for pipe line franchises inside the city.

These two facts were assured last Tuesday afternoon when representatives of most of the oil companies operating in Torrance assured city trustees and other city officials that they believed the charges equitable. The trustees called the meeting with the oil companies in order to work out a fair arrangement for the maintenance of oil field roads and a fixed charge for pipe line franchises.

The money received from the tax on derricks will all go into road improvement, while that which is received from pipe line franchises will go into the general fund.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company, operating more wells inside the city than any other company, agreed, through authorized representatives, that the \$250 tax was equitable.

The trustees were impressed by the high caliber of the men who represented the operators and the fairness with which they regarded the city's proposal to tax derricks and charge for pipe lines.

The oil derrick tax will hold for one year only. A new rate will be fixed at the end of the year. The tax applies to all wells, drilling or producing. Each new derrick located inside the city limits will be taxed \$250.

STANLEY NABS THREE

John Burns, oil worker, W. B. Barnard, pipefitter, and John O'Brien, steamfitter, were landed in the city jail Sunday night, charged with being drunk. Officer Stanley made the arrests.

WELLS ON CITY LOTS POOR PAY, SAY OIL MEN

Voice Disapproval of Drilling in Restricted Area

ORDINANCE IS O. K. P. A. General Counsel Says City May Check Derricks

Reputable oil operators view with derision the contention that town lot drilling in the Torrance restricted district would be profitable.

This was brought out Tuesday afternoon when Mayor Gilbert requested representatives of companies who were meeting with city officials to express their opinions on the advisability of opening up the restricted area of the city for oil development.

The oil men present declared emphatically that town-lot drilling has proven unprofitable wherever it has prevailed.

Judge Charles Wellborn, general counsel of the Pan American Oil company, the big Doherty organization, asserted that "town lot drilling is a detriment rather than a benefit."

"It results," he said, "in rapid depletion of the oil pool and speedy diminishing of gas pressure, so that property holders and operators fail to profit."

"Town lot drilling does not give anyone full value of the oil produced for the reasons I have stated. It never pays to drill wells which must be put down 3,000 feet or more if these wells are drilled closer than a well to five acres."

Judge Wellborn, whose record as a jurist won for him the position of general counsel for Pan American, also declared that it is in the power of a city to prevent drilling.

"You may have some litigation," he said, "but under the police powers of a municipality I believe that your right to restrict drilling in a residence district because of the fire hazard is recognized."

In making this statement Judge Wellborn unwittingly placed the approval of an eminent jurist on the prohibitive ordinance now in effect in Torrance, for that ordinance, prepared by City Attorney P. G. Briney, specifically refers to the fire hazard of oil wells in the restricted district.

Citizens Organize For Progress Of City Of Torrance

Preliminary Declaration Signed by 100 Pledges All to Save City From Oil Derricks

NEW ORGANIZATION IS NON-PARTISAN Dedicates Itself to Advancement of Civic Welfare and Town Achievement, Member Asserts

Banding themselves together for "the progress, growth and upbuilding" of Torrance and "to prevent by any legal means the encroachment of oil development into the present restricted district" of the city, close to 100 citizens of Torrance Tuesday night organized a non-partisan, non-sectarian body and pledged their "time, energy and property" to the principles that may be espoused by a majority of the body.

A preliminary declaration of principles was signed by everyone present at the meeting.

A committee on by-laws and constitution was appointed, to report at a meeting which will be held at Legion hall next Monday night, Dec. 3, at 7:30.

Majority to Rule The declaration of principles sets forth that each member will adhere to the will of the majority in the organization.

The formation of the body was a result of the defeat of the three bonding proposals at this week's election and the issue regarding oil development in the restricted district. The election was the inciting cause. "The progress of Torrance" was the underlying purpose.

Outlines Objects One of the leaders of the new movement outlined his opinion of the necessity for such an organization in the following words:

"We are convinced that two-thirds of the people of Torrance were in favor of the three bond issues which

"Torrance now stands at the crossroads. One road leads to progress, prosperity. The other leads to the bleak land of Nowhere."

"It is the purpose of this organization to take the first road. Right to Organize We believe that every citizen has a distinct right to his own convictions on any matter of public or private interest. We believe in the right of every citizen to organize for principles he believes to be right. We have no personal issue against any set of citizens, but we do propose to oppose with this new organization any now existing or future body whose principles we believe stand in the way of this city's certain march toward the bright goal of prosperity and civic achievement."

"Those who believe that oil development should be stopped at the limits of the present restricted district now have an organization through which they may strengthen their own positions and convictions by the weight of numbers."

Here Are Principles The preliminary declaration of principles

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WEEK'S NEW YIELD IN FIELD 7,850 BARRELS FROM 5 WELLS; 23 MORE ARE NEAR PRODUCTION

Five new wells with a total flush yield of 7,850 barrels a day tells the production story of the Torrance-Lomita field this week. All the new producers were in the south Torrance and north Lomita district.

Chanslor-Canfield brought in Torrance No. 13 and Torrance No. 15, the most westerly wells on the Torrance lease along the old Redondo road. Each well is doing about 1,000 barrels a day. No. 13 was completed at 3715 feet and No. 15 at 3,725 feet. The oil tests slightly better than 28 gravity.

Pan American brought in Lomita No. 1 on Fir street near the Marble ranch line at 2,000 barrels a day. Gravity is 26.4. The well was completed at 3745 feet.

Superior kept up its recent record of a new well a week by bringing in Adamson No. 1 (Torrance No. 8) between Fir street and the old Redondo road. Completed at 3735 feet, the well had a flush production of 1850 barrels a day.

Cutting 25 per cent water, Selby & Root's new producer near the old Redondo road and Narbonne avenue is producing 2200 barrels a day. The well was drilled to a depth of 3735 feet, and it is believed that it may be too deep and be getting bottom water.

The Star Petroleum's Parsons No. 1 on Fir street is momentarily expected to become a producer. The well has been drilled to a little more than 3700 feet.

Five wells have received a shutoff

O. K. from the state and are drilling ahead into the oil sand. They are the Federal well at Fir and Pennsylvania, Petroleum Midway's Post-Houts No. 1 on Fir street, Belridge Oil company's well on Cedar street between Cypress and Pennsylvania, Hub Oil company's Cook-Brandon No. 1, offsetting Midway Northern No. 3 on the old Redondo road, and the McDonnell corporation's Torrance-Lomita No. 1 on Cedar street between Cypress and Pennsylvania.

Along Cedar street and along the dividing line between Lomita and Torrance the bulk of new production has been secured during the past two weeks.

It is here also that several wells are due to send oil to the tanks within the next few days. Seventeen wells are standing cemented. Among them are the following: Checot Oil company, Pine street, on Phenix acre; Keeffe and Ridsden, Carle lease at Acacia and Pennsylvania; Bush and Voorhis, on Rogers lease offsetting aforementioned; Leonard-Wells, at Palm and Pepper; Star Petroleum, on Palm, offsetting aforementioned; Miller Drilling company, at Cedar and Cypress; Superior's Perham No. 2; Wilkes and Titus, on old Redondo road; Southern California Drilling company, on Perham lease, Pepper street; Bush Drilling company, on Acacia (re-cemented); Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company's Torrance Nos. 13 (re-cemented), 16, 17, 18, 20, and 23; Sentinel's Joughlin No. 1 on east old Redondo road.

AN ABLE CHIROPHACTOR

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



Fate itself has made of Maude R. Lathrop a Chiropactor of undoubted abilities. Before she embraced this noble science the charming doctor

was of impaired health, indeed, the very despair of her physicians. Medical

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